

As of Friday afternoon at 3PM, **Governors Gretchen Whitmer** (D-MI) and **Ron DeSantis** (R-FL) are the only two governors to have substantively addressed the situation via public channels, with DeSantis' comments focusing specifically on actions related to donations on GoFundMe. The platform is currently facing related investigations from Attorneys General in Florida, Texas, Missouri, West Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

MNPLS notably flagged that Gov. Kristi Noem (R-SD) briefly referenced the Prime Minister on Sean Hannity's show ("leaders like Trudeau... who are taking away people's personal freedoms").

Full wrap-up of input from U.S. mission network:

ATNTA (AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN)	<i>We have verified and have not seen any statements/comments from any of our Governors or other state leaders with respect to the Freedom Convoy, or the disruptions at the border.</i> <i>We have seen comments from at least two federal representatives from our region, who commented on the GoFundMe decision limiting the ability of protestors to continue raising funds.</i>
BOSTN (MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)	Vermont: statement from Gov Scott's press office in response to this article (towards the end) https://vtdigger.org/2022/02/09/mimicking-canadians-vermonters-plot-protest-convoy-to-dc/ <i>Despite a groundswell of grassroots support online, Vermont's officials appear unaware of the prospective protest. "We have not been briefed on any planned protests," Jason Maulucci, press secretary for Gov. Phil Scott, said in a written response to VTDigger. He added that Scott "strongly urges anyone expressing their First Amendment right to protest to remain peaceful and be respectful of their fellow Vermonters." Adam Silverman, the spokesperson for the Vermont State Police, told VTDigger "there's nothing specifically on our radar," when asked about the convoy.</i> MA, ME, NH, RI: Nothing found
CHCGO (IL, IN (Jasper, Lake, Laporte, Newton & power counties), Kansas City, KS, MO, WI)	<i>Nothing from our gov's from what I can see.</i> <i>But Missouri's AG has been very vocal – and announced that he launched an investigation (similar to TX) into the GoFundMe issue:</i> https://twitter.com/eric_schmitt/status/1491515608290189312?s=21 <i>Plenty more on his twitter feed.</i>
CNGNY (CT, NJ, NY, PA)	<i>Nothing found by CIAS - No flags from mission</i>
DALAS (TX, OK, AR, LA, NM)	Texas: Attorney General Ken Paxton (R-Texas)

	- Feb 9: launched formal investigations of GoFundMe being shut down, as a potential violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/ag-paxton-investigates-gofundme-shutting-down-fundraiser-and-taking-10-million-canadian-truckers Arkansas: - On February 9th, Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R-AR) announced investigation into GoFundMe for potential violations of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (ADTPA). Supporters of the truckers' protest against vaccine mandates in Ottawa, Canada, have donated more than \$10 million dollars through the crowdfunding platform GoFundMe. Because the company disagrees with the protest, it recently announced that it would unilaterally end the fundraiser and either refund the money given by the donors or redirect those funds to other causes. Louisiana: Attorney General Jeff Landry tweeted: "I share the concerns of @WestVirginiaAG. My office will be looking into whether or not #GoFundMe violated our state law. If you are a Louisiana donor to the #FreedomConvoy, please contact my #ConsumerProtection Section@ #lagov" NM, OK: Nothing found
DENVR (CO, KS, MT, UT, WY)	<i>Based on our research and media scans, the governors in DENVR's territory (CO, KS, MT, UT, WY) have not made any public statements or social media commentary about the Freedom Convoy issue to date. We will continue to monitor and let you know if that changes.</i>
DTROT (IN, KY, MI, OH)	On Thursday, Governor Whitmer issued a statement on the blockade, calling on Canada to re-open the border. https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90640-577236--y,00.html <i>We are not aware of statements by any other Governors in DTROT territory.</i> Feb 5: Tweet by AG Dave Yost on GoFundMe @DaveYostOH: Did you donate to the #FreedomConvoy through #GoFundMe? If you are an Ohioan, I want to hear from you! You can file a complaint here.
LNGLS (Southern CA, AZ, NV)	<i>Nothing found by CIAS - No flags from mission</i>
MIAMI (FL)	Governor Ron DeSantis / @GovRonDeSantis: It is a fraud for @gofundme to commandeer \$9M in donations sent to support truckers and give it to

	causes of their own choosing. I will work with @AGAshleyMoody to investigate these deceptive practices – these donors should be given a refund. (Feb 5) Feb 7 - Florida Politics reported on a campaign email for his re-election to political supporters containing the following: <i>People across the world are finally standing up and fighting back,” DeSantis asserted, though he was not referring to those considering training at a Florida school. Rather, DeSantis was hailing a “freedom convoy” of unvaccinated truck drivers in Canada, “driving cross country to protest the authoritarian edicts” requiring full inoculation against COVID-19.</i> <i>“People have realized if they don’t speak up and demand their freedoms, these tyrants will never give back the power they have seized,” DeSantis maintained, asserting a strong stand with “freedom fighters everywhere.”</i> <i>DeSantis lauded unnamed European countries for removing their COVID-19 restrictions, contrasting them with Democrats before honing in on the most reliable enemy this side of Anthony Fauci: the “corrupt corporate press.”</i> <i>That cadre “has resorted to smearing the truckers, calling them a cult,” DeSantis asserted, referring to reports a subset of those protestors used Nazi imagery and other offensive rhetoric.</i> <i>“As a mouthpiece of Democratic ideology, the corporate press will attack anyone who refuses to bend the knee to Democrats’ oppressive COVID fear agenda,” DeSantis contended.</i>
MNPLS (IA, MN, NE, ND, SD)	<i>For our region, the only public mention of this issue we’ve found so far is from South Dakota Governor Noem’s appearance on Sean Hannity’s show. She mostly talks about South Dakota & reactions to “Democrats failed COVID policy”, but b-roll during the interview is footage of Ottawa. In interview, Gov Noem references “...leaders like Trudeau...who are taking away people’s personal freedoms...”</i> https://twitter.com/backtolife_2022/status/1491718925494665216?s=21
SEATL (AK, ID, OR, WA)	Nothing found by CIAS - No flags from mission
SFRAN (CA)	<i>CA Governor Newsom has not made any statements on this so far; however, there are reports that a group ‘USA Trucker Convoy’ plans to hold a protest at the Super Bowl this weekend. Depending on how that evolves, he could make a statement.</i> <i>Note Newsweek article on this below: https://newsweek.com/will-freedom-trucker-convoy-disrupt-super-bowl-sunday-what-we-know-1678424</i>

WSHDC (MD, VA, WV, DC)	MD, VA, DC: Nothing found by CIAS WV: Investigation from WV Attorney General @MorriseyWV / #GoFundMe now won't honor #FreedomConvoy donations and will instead redirect to other charities? In WV, organizations must not deceive donors and engage in deceptive advertising practices. If you've been victimized by a deceptive act or practice, let us know!
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